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new issues

In claim 3, the new issues include (1) changing "a bobbin having a circumferential surface" to --a bobbin hollow bobbins on which the raw cord is wound and which bobbins have circumferential surface-- and (2) deleting the step of --winding the raw cord on a hollow cylindrical bobbin axis--.

remarks

Applicant argues that Clifford, which deals with an apparatus for dyeing yarn using a dye liquor, is non-analogous art because Clifford would not be the type of document that would be consulted by one having ordinary skill in the art of preparing cross-linked polyvinyl alcohol cord/fibers. This argument is not persuasive. Iwasaki et al and Clifford et al both teach treating fibers with liquid using a bath. Iwasaki et al treats polyvinyl alcohol fiber yarn or fiber cord with a liquid comprising crosslinking agent and solvent. Clifford et al treats fiber yarn with a liquid such as dyeliquor. Both Iwasaki et al and Clifford et al treat the fibers using a bath. Given the problem of treating fibers using a bath, one of ordinary skill in the art would look to prior art such as Clifford et al which teaches how to treat fibers using a bath. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to treat Iwasaki et al's fiber yarn / cord using a bath as per the teachings of Clifford et al since Clifford teaches treating fibers of yarn with liquid as shown in figure 1 in order to evenly treat the fibers so as to obtain optimum evenness of application.

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